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HABAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS.

Student Hawley Takes Issue with the Editor of "Hampton's Magazine."

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir,
I shall not bear false witness against my neighbor."

The March issue of a periodical known as Hampton's Magazine, plainly seeking to stir up the gates of infamy by cunning methods, has published under the title of "The Annexation of Cuba by the Sugar Trust," a series of allegations against "The Cuban-American Sugar Trust," and one of its most trusted and respected officers, resident in Cuba, to the effect that the Cuban-American Sugar Trust, in order to obtain the most crude intelligence would not have stated, for the simple reason, that the carrier and peddler along Cuba's wharves, knows that raw and refined sugar and every product grown under the sun, has a uniform rebate of 20 per cent of the formal tariff imposed on imports from other countries; besides, the expense of refining sugar in Cuba is double that of refining here and more than double the cost in Europe, and under no possible conditions of the tariff could sugar be refined in the tropics for the American market.

Several columns of the article in question are devoted to showing how Congress in the tariff legislation of 1897 was

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the Cuban Sugar Refining Company, Mercedita Sugar Company, the National Sugar Company, the Colonial Sugar Company and the San Manuel Company, the last only late in December, 1902. These are all of the properties of the Cuban-American Sugar Company in Cuba. It has no interest in the nine other companies or estates lumped together in a list in the article along with the Cuban-American properties, and classed as "alienated" by refining interests in this country. But as to these nine properties, designated, the writer is quite familiar with their ownership, and while he does not believe and never has owned a share of the Cuban Sugar Refining, nor National Sugar, nor Mercedita, nor Colonial Sugar, and is not in the counsels of these companies, he does not believe that a share of interest is held by either company or any of the Cuban properties named. The industrial development of our country and the properties has been conducted on a large investment of capital, with a large purpose, and with these aids to him, he thought out of his mind, and is attested by the effect upon Cuban industry, and the fact, that thousands of Cubans, as well as Americans, are engaged in his cause, as he is, a great captain and industrial force in Cuba's industrial life. He has his own wish and purpose. He is a factor in the organization, and the especially, speaking for the directors of the Chaparra Sugar Company, appeal to him not to be a candidate; their policy was against interference with Cuban politics, and they had neither desire nor dream of directing the political future of Cuba. Their business was and is now, a signal part of Cuba's agricultural and commercial life, and therefore their interests lie

Menocal was stormswep into the didacy of the Conservative party for Presidency, and did his righteous duty as he saw it, with no ambition and no thought but his party's and his country's welfare, and whatever opinion may be pressed, here or elsewhere, is of no moment to him—no heedless scribbler, however, cannot, can disturb the daily current of his life, the complex of selfishness, and his industrial work.

As for the Cuban-American Sugar Company, as for the Cuban-American Sugar

have been made prosperous through energy.

At the inception of the enterprise, the stockholders in the Cuban-American Sugar Company were of New York, Texas, Maryland and Cuba. To-day there is a wider distribution, and they aggregate more than two hundred in number, whether then, nor since, has the Cuban-American Sugar Refining Company, the National Sugar Refining Company, had a share of its stock and for the influence of either the Cuban-American Sugar Refining Company or the National Sugar Refining Company is the life of the Cuban-American Sugar Company, the simplest reply is, that the company is the life of Louisiana.

It is in daily active competition with all other refineries in the sale of our refined product, and any surplus raw sugar is disposed of through brokers at all times to the best bidder for the sole benefit of the company's numerous stockholders. The Cuban-American Sugar Company owes no other duty and all its operations are independent of any other influence or aid.

Any company that was organized for the agricultural and manufacturing business, it is prosecuting to-day. These are ends it has in view, with thousands of employees concerned with it, at remunerative wages than were ever before the advent of this company in Cuba.

There was a period in our country's history when the organization of an enterprise that created new interests employed thousands of men was proved; when capital and energy, reputation and life were thrown in scale, it was commended; patriotism and good citizenship were believed essential qualities in ventures in which the public, whether intending or not, had no share. In the great American struggle, the soldiers of the North and all the brave spirits and valiant forces that fought and bitterly assailed these interests, only write their own epitaph in history and defeat.

The Cuban-American Sugar Company claims the qualities set forth here, and conducts and management keep alive in view a successful and profitable

There are other and singularly contradictory phases in this article demonstrating the ignorance as well as the meanness of its author:

In speaking of the reciprocity treaty with Cuba it states: "It did not give us refined sugar any comparative advantage, as the old differential was not, and merely allowed Cuban sugar to come in cheaper." The

but as steadfastly also its obligation to those who serve it, to the country in which its business is conducted and to the Government there established, and in the fulfillment of all men, fortified by its own character its independence and singleness of purpose pursue its mission undisturbed.

perpetuate Cuba's brilliant economic industrial progress.

R. B. HAWLEY, President of the American Sugar Company.